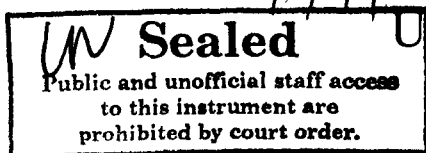


AO 106 (Rev. 04/10) Application for a Search Warrant



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In the Matter of the Search of

(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)1998 black Ford Explorer purchased and registered to
Robert James Talbot, Jr.

Case No. H14-288 MJ

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

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located in the Southern District of Texas, there is now concealed (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

See attachment B.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
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The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section	Offense Description
Title 18 U.S.C. Section 373(a)	Solicitation To Commit A Crime Of Violence

The application is based on these facts:

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Applicant's signature

D. Renee Cline, Special Agent

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Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

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During March 11 -13 2014, consensual monitoring were conducted with the UCEs. TALBOT stated he has researched on-line how to create bombs by using C4 and dynamite and intended to use them to rob armored vehicles to penetrate the locking mechanism of the armed doors. Talbot told UCEs he has researched targets as well as mapped out escape routes after robbing the armor vehicles. TALBOT told UCE-4452 he would kill the armor vehicle driver and anyone inside the vehicle by using a hand grenade and C4 explosives.

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TALBOT has agreed to meet with both UCEs sometime during the week of March 24th with the intent to conduct reconnaissance of the armored vehicles patterns, which TALBOT personally has decided to target. TALBOT also has agreed to travel with the UCEs to the storage facility

where the alleged “stolen” explosives are being kept. TALBOT previously discussed that he intended to conduct a “flame test” to confirm that the explosive material field tests positive for the presumptive presence of explosive material. TALBOT told UCEs he researched how to conduct an electronic pulse test to confirm the C4’s legitimacy.

Since TALBOT arrived in the Houston area in August 2013, he has lived at four separate residences. TALBOT uses Craigslist to locate rooms to rent. He stays for three to four months with the intent of not paying the last month’s rent and leaves. TALBOT was evicted from 2303 Dartmouth Hills Court, Katy, Texas on or about January 20, 2014. TALBOT further has stated he would be moving from his current residence, 24757 Grand Harbor Drive #1228, Katy, Texas on March 22, 2014. TALBOT advised CHS he (TALBOT) would live in his truck until he could find another room to rent.

Conclusion

Based upon the information outlined above, there is probable cause to believe that Robert James Talbot Jr.’s vehicle seized by your Affiant from the subject has been used in the commission of the crime and contain evidence of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 373 (a) Solicitation to commit a crime of violence and Title 18, Section 1951(a) & Attempt to Interfere with Commerce by Robbery and may contain evidence regarding the aforementioned criminal violations.

ATTACHMENT B

Particular Items to be Seized

I. To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of Robert James Talbot Jr. All the above constitutes evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of 18 U.S.C. Section 373 (a) Solicitation to commit a crime of violence.

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6. Laptop computer and any digital media
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I, D. Renee Cline, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

Summary

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Introduction and Agent Background

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21. Based upon conversations on January 18, 2014 and January 28, 2014, TALBOT stated that he wanted to acquire Composition 4 (C4) explosives and dynamite to be used during the commission of the bank robberies. TALBOT stated he has researched on-line how to create bombs by using C4 and dynamite. TALBOT told the UCEs he has researched targets as well as mapped out escape routes after robbing the banks. TALBOT instructed the UCEs to obtain a storage facility to store stolen explosives. TALBOT has plans to use the stolen explosives to "level the banks and kill all the employees" if they do not comply during the bank robberies. The purpose of killing people in the banks is to ruin the reputation of the "banking cartel". TALBOT believes people will no longer use those businesses after people are killed inside.

22. During March 11 -13 2014, consensual monitoring were conducted with the UCEs. TALBOT stated he has researched on-line how to create bombs by using C4 and dynamite and intended to use them to rob armored vehicles to penetrate the locking mechanism of the armed doors. Talbot told UCEs he has researched targets as well as mapped out escape routes after robbing the armor vehicles. TALBOT told UCE-4452 he would kill the armor vehicle driver and anyone inside the vehicle by using a hand grenade and C4 explosives.

23. On March 15, 2014, TALBOT posted on the AIM Facebook page "In a few weeks me and my team are goin active for Operation Liberty...I will not be able to post no


We will be the revolution, things will happen nation wide or in states. They will call us many names and spin things around on media. Just remember we fight to stop Marxism, liberalism, Central banking Cartels and the New World Order. I will try to find someone to take over this community page, but most of the guys who are admins are part of my unit. I will have a website up in 2 months....The funding is unlimited since the banking cartel will be forced to fund our movements”.

24. TALBOT has agreed to meet with both UCEs sometime during the week of March 24th with the intent to conduct reconnaissance of the armored vehicles patterns, which TALBOT personally has decided to target. TALBOT also has agreed to travel with the UCEs to the storage facility where the alleged “stolen” explosives are being kept. TALBOT previously discussed that he intended to conduct a “flame test” to confirm that the explosive material field tests positive for the presumptive presence of explosive material. TALBOT told UCEs he researched how to conduct an electronic pulse test to confirm the C4’s legitimacy.

25. Since TALBOT arrived in the Houston area in August 2013, he has lived at four separate residences. TALBOT uses Craigslist to locate rooms to rent. He stays for three to four months with the intent of not paying the last month’s rent and leaves. TALBOT was evicted from 2303 Dartmouth Hills Court, Katy, Texas on or about January 20, 2014. TALBOT further has stated he would be moving from his current residence, 24757 Grand Harbor Drive #1228, Katy, Texas on March 22, 2014. TALBOT advised CHS he (TALBOT) would live in his truck until he could find another room to rent.

Conclusion

Based upon the information outlined above, there is probable cause to believe that Robert James Talbot Jr.’s vehicle seized by your Affiant from the subject has been used in the commission of the crime and contain evidence of violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 373 (a) Solicitation to commit a crime of violence and Title 18, Section 1951(a) & Attempt to Interfere with Commerce by Robbery and may contain evidence regarding the aforementioned criminal violations.


D. Renee Cline
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me
on this 24 day of March, 2014.


U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE FRANCES H. STACK

ATTACHMENT A

Items to Be Searched

This warrant applies to 1998 black Ford Explorer, Texas license plate CMX3865, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) IFMZU32X2WZA59669 purchased and registered to Robert James Talbot Jr.

ATTACHMENT B

Particular Items to be Seized

To the extent that the information described in Attachment A is within the possession, custody, or control of Robert James Talbot Jr. All the above constitutes evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of 18 U.S.C. Section 373 (a) Solicitation to commit a crime of violence.

1. Financial documents to include Western Union receipts, checking account records, and/or cashier's checks, money orders or money grams.
2. Documents including but not limited to any type of explosive materials to include pictures of explosive devices, military manuals and research conducted on-line.
3. Records, including but not limited to address and telephone books (electronic or otherwise), telephone bills, false identification or other forms of identification.
4. Documents including but not limited to research conducted on conversion of weapons, to include on-line research and pictures.
5. Documents including but not limited to research conducted on various financial institutions, armored vehicle services, and maps.
6. Laptop computer and any digital media
7. Cellular telephones to include SIM Cards or any other removable portable memory card used for cellular telephones.
8. Weapons, firearms, ammunition.
9. Thermite or any other substance that could possibly be used as a pre-cursor to manufacturing an explosive device.

II. SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR DIGITAL DEVICES

1. In searching digital devices or forensic copies thereof, law enforcement personnel executing this search warrant will employ the following procedure:

a. Law enforcement personnel or other individuals assisting law enforcement personnel (the “search team”) will, in their discretion, either search the digital device(s) on-site or seize and transport the device(s) to an appropriate law enforcement laboratory or similar facility to be searched at that location. The search team shall complete the search as soon as is practicable but not to exceed 60 days from the date of execution of the warrant. If additional time is needed, the government may seek an extension of this time period from the Court on or before the date by which the search was to have been completed.

b. The search team will conduct the search only by using search protocols specifically chosen to identify only the specific items to be seized under this warrant.

i. The search team may subject all of the data contained in each digital device capable of containing any of the items to be seized to the search protocols to determine whether the device and any data thereon falls within the list of items to be seized. The search team may also search for and attempt to recover deleted, “hidden,” or encrypted data to determine, pursuant to the search protocols, whether the data falls within the list of items to be seized.

ii. The search team may use tools to exclude normal operating system files and standard third-party software that do not need to be searched.

c. When searching a digital device pursuant to the specific search protocols selected, the search team shall make and retain notes regarding how the search was conducted pursuant to the selected protocols.

d. If the search team, while searching a digital device, encounters immediately apparent contraband or other evidence of a crime outside the scope of the items to be seized, the team shall immediately discontinue its search of that device pending further order of the Court and shall make and retain notes detailing how the contraband or other evidence of a crime was encountered, including how it was immediately apparent contraband or evidence of a crime.

e. If the search determines that a digital device does not contain any data falling within the list of items to be seized, the government will, as soon as is practicable, return the device and delete or destroy all forensic copies thereof.

f. If the search determines that a digital device does contain data falling within the list of items to be seized, the government may make and retain copies of such data, and may access such data at any time.

g. The government may retain a digital device itself, and/or entire forensic copies of it, until further order of the Court or one year after the conclusion of the criminal investigation or case (whichever is latest), only if the device is determined to be an instrumentality of an offense under investigation or the government, within 14 days following the time period authorized by the Court for completing the search, obtains an order from the Court authorizing retention of the device and/or forensic copies of it (or while an application for such an order is pending). Otherwise, the government must return the device and delete or destroy all forensic copies thereof

h. Notwithstanding the above, after the completion of the search of the digital devices, the government shall not access digital data falling outside the scope of the items to be seized absent further order of the Court.

2. In order to search for data capable of being read or interpreted by a digital device, law enforcement personnel are authorized to seize the following items:

a. Any digital device capable of being used to commit, further or store evidence of the offense(s) listed above;

b. Any equipment used to facilitate the transmission, creation, display, encoding, or storage of digital data;

c. Any magnetic, electronic, or optical storage device capable of storing digital data;

d. Any documentation, operating logs, or reference manuals regarding the operation of the digital device or software used in the digital device;

e. Any applications, utility programs, compilers, interpreters, or other software used to facilitate direct or indirect communication with the digital device;

f. Any physical keys, encryption devices, dongles, or similar physical items that are necessary to gain access to the digital device or data stored on the digital device; and

g. Any passwords, password files, test keys, encryption codes, or other information necessary to access the digital device or data stored on the digital device.

3. The special procedures relating to digital devices found in this warrant govern only the search of digital devices pursuant to the authority conferred by this warrant and do not apply to any search of digital devices pursuant to any other court order.